

Pentecost Season

Holy Eucharist

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2010

Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Entrance Hymn 680

O God, our help in ages past

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant
 Bless-ed be God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

The Celebrant reads the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria in excelsis

Sung by all.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,

on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The children are invited to the altar for a blessing on their way to Sunday School.

Old Testament

All sit.

Reader A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. (*Genesis 15:-16*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Remain seated.

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the **LORD!** *
happy the people he has chosen to be his **own!**
- 13 The **LORD** looks down from **heaven,** *
and beholds all the people in the **world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his **gaze** *
on all who dwell on the **earth.**
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of **them** *
and understands all their **works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty **army;**
a strong man is not delivered by his great **strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for **deliverance;** *
for all its strength it cannot **save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the **LORD** is upon those who **fear**
him, *
on those who wait upon his **love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from **death,** *
and to feed them in time of **famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the **LORD;** *
he is our help and our **shield.**

- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in **him**, *
for in his holy Name we put our **trust**.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon **us**, *
as we have put our trust in **you**.

New Testament

Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. (*Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Alleluia *All stand.*

The Celebrant sings this verse:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

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Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day the Son of man is coming.

The People repeat the Alleluia Verse.

Holy Gospel *All stand.*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” (*Luke 12:32-40*)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Fr. Chris King

Nicene Creed *All stand.*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

The Lay Assistant bids the intercession from the steps and the People are encouraged to include their own prayers and thanksgivings.

Intercessor

Let us offer prayers to God, who knows the needs of every living creature, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

The People respond to each petition, saying "Lord, have mercy."

The Celebrant concludes with this Collect

All-knowing God, God of Wisdom, hear our prayers for all whose days are full of pain and give us rest from toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements & Blessings

Please be seated

If you are celebrating a special occasion, plan to travel, or need healing, please come forward to receive a blessing from the priest.

When the announcements are finished, the Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence.

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 428

O all ye works of God, now come

During the Offertory Hymn, representatives of the congregation, with the children, bring the people's offerings of bread and wine for the Eucharist, money and food for those in need, to the Celebrant. The

people stand while the offerings are presented, placed at the Altar and censed. The Celebrant prays the following prayer inaudibly before beginning the Great Thanksgiving:

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this Eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
People Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

All sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant and People

Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James of Jerusalem, N., and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant

Celebrant
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem is now sung by all.

Antiphon
Cantor; then All
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

Cantor
1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven
and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er
believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread
which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome and encourage all baptized persons, including children, to receive Holy Communion. To receive by intinction, hold your hands together in prayer, and the Priest will communicate you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward for a blessing from the Priest. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

A period of quiet recollection follows the Holy Communion.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Collect

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your lifegiving Spirit. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the Lord. *Amen.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn 559

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

St. James of Jerusalem Episcopal Church

August 8, 2010

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Ann	Ann Carlo	Alan Mason
Caitlin	Mae Clarke	Eileen McCarthy
Eleanor	Betty Conlan	Kenneth McCune
Ellen	Laurie Hasin	Craig Perry
Jaimie	Patricia Hasin	Linda Perry
Jamie	Charles Hodge	Bill Salvesson
John	Carol Jepson	Audrey Washinger
Kay	Ellen Kase	Darlene Wells
Luke	Bernie Keller	Janet Wolfman
Marc	Suzanne Leguerre	Arlene & David
Melody	Richard Mackney	Zucker
Steven Bank	Karen Martin	

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Paul & Ann Craft (WA 8/9)

Saints & Holy Days

Dominic (8/8), Herman of Alaska (8/9), Laurence (8/10), Clare (8/11), Florence Nightingale (8/12), Jeremy Taylor (8/13), Jonathan Myrick Daniels (8/14)

Mark your calendars...

Saturday, September 11, 10 am	<i>Patriot Day Service of Remembrance</i>
Saturday, September 25, 10 am - 3 pm	<i>Liturgical Ministries Training Day</i>
Sunday, October 4, 4 pm	<i>Blessing of the Animals</i>
Saturday, October 16, 9 am - 3 pm	<i>Body-Mind-Spirit Wellness Day</i>

A Note on Today's Readings

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Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith, which we have in Christ. Our forebearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in

Parish News & Announcements

Feast of the Saint Mary the Virgin

Sunday, August 15, 10 am

Next Sunday the Church honors the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the story of salvation. The service will begin with prayers at the Shrine of Our Lady (where the large painting is) and end with the recitation of the Angelus, a medieval prayer that incorporates the Hail, Mary. Bring flowers to decorate the shrine and the statue of Our Lady outside the church. If you have a rosary or other devotional object, please bring it to be blessed. *Simon Joubaud-Pulitzer will also be baptized at the 10 am service.*

Liturgical Ministries Training Day

Saturday, September 25, 9 am - 3 pm

Have you thought about serving our worship at St. James' by reading, carrying the Cross or incense, assisting at the altar, or serving Communion? Now's your chance! We will be enrolling new lay liturgical ministers during the next two months, with training on Saturday, September 25. Training for members of the altar party will be from 9 am to 11:30 am. Training for readers and intercessors will be from 1 pm to 3 pm. *Attendance is mandatory for all, experienced and new! If you absolutely cannot be present, then you must make other arrangements for training with Father Chris.*

"Confirm not Conform": Youth Confirmation Program

Beginning the 2nd week of September

Youth ages 12-16 are invited to prepare for Confirmation this year! Is your teen is ready (or willing to be ready!) to consider being confirmed? Are your friends looking for a confirmation program for their teens? Please speak with Father Chris about this opportunity. We will use a curriculum called "Confirm not Conform", which was developed at one of Father Chris' parishes in California. *More information about "Confirm not Conform" can be found at www.confirmnotconform.com. Father Chris' email address is frchris@stjameslongbeach.org.*

remembering that God was faithful to our ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

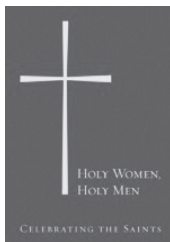
As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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THE SAINTS OF GOD: *Holy Women, Holy Men* published for trial use

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true
... and one was a doctor and one was a queen, and one was a
shepherdess on the green ...*
—Hymn 293, Hymnal 1982

Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints, the new book of commemorations on the Episcopal Church calendar (succeeding *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*), does include doctors and queens, as well as deacons, nuns, priests, bishops, writers, kings, apostles, missionaries, hymn-makers, soldiers, monks, artists, composers, mystics, jurists, liberators, prophets and even an Olympic champion (and missionary to China). The shepherdess on the green may be harder to find, but certainly pastors abound in this representation of the communion of saints.



Some 10 years ago, Frank T. Griswold, then-presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, asked the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music “to undertake a review and revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, and to consider anew each entry in the existing Calendar of Saints, alongside any proposed new commemorations,” he wrote in the foreword to *Holy Women, Holy Men*. It is the first complete revision of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* in more than 40 years. The book was published in 2010 by Church Publishing Inc.

“More than 100 new commemorations were approved at the 2009 General Convention,” SCLM notes on its website, <http://liturgyandmusic.wordpress.com>. “Nine years in the making, the new volume offers a fuller representation of the diversity of the Episcopal Church as well as a broader ecumenical and international mix of commemorations. While a significant number are from the most recent centuries, the additions include saints from every period of church history.

“The 2009 General Convention called for trial use of these commemorations, giving opportunity to pray with this new material before a final decision about whether to add each commemoration to the calendar of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

“We invite you to join us in this prayer each day, whether by worshiping with a congregation or by including the commemoration in your personal devotion,” SCLM continues. “Then tell us about your experience. How did this person’s life witness to the Gospel? How does this person inspire us in Christian life today? How well does the collect gather the prayers of the assembly and pray about the significance of the person? How well do these lessons speak to the life of this saint?”

“We want to hear about people’s experiences with *Holy Women, Holy Men*,” says the Rev. Ruth Meyers, professor of liturgics at Church Divinity School of the Pacific and chair of SCLM. “It’s important that everyone have an opportunity to review and provide input on this major work. That includes individuals as well as

congregations and dioceses.”

An online survey to assist in gathering feedback became available on July 1 and will close on June 30, 2011. After compiling the data from the survey, SCLM will prepare a comprehensive report for the 77th General Convention, meeting in 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Copies of *Holy Women, Holy Men* are available from Church Publishing (visit www.churchpublishing.org) or from Episcopal Books and Resources (located at the Episcopal Church Center, or online at www.episcopalbookstore.org) and other Episcopal bookstores.

New commemorations for the months of July and August

(Additions for other months will be listed in occasional future inserts.)

July

- 1 **Harriet Beecher Stowe**, writer and prophetic witness, 1896
- 2 **Walter Rauschenbusch**, 1918, **Washington Gladden**, 1918, and **Jacob Riis**, 1914, prophetic witnesses
- 6 **John Hus**, prophetic witness and martyr
- 12 **Nathan Söderblom**, archbishop of Uppsala and ecumenist, 1931
- 13 **Conrad Weiser**, witness to peace and reconciliation, 1760
- 14 **Samson Occum**, witness to the faith in New England, 1792
- 16 **The Righteous Gentiles** (those who sheltered Jews during World War II)
- 18 **Bartolomé de las Casas**, friar, missionary to the Indies, 1566
- 19 **Adelaide Teague Case**, teacher, 1948
- 21 **Albert John Luthuli**, prophetic witness in South Africa, 1967
- 28 **Johann Sebastian Bach**, 1750, **George Frederick Handel**, 1759, and **Henry Purcell**, 1695, composers

August

- 2 **Samuel Ferguson**, missionary bishop for West Africa, 1916
- 3 **George Freeman Bragg, Jr.**, priest, 1940
- 3 **William Edward Burghardt DuBois**, sociologist, 1963
- 5 **Albrecht Dürer**, 1528, **Matthias Grünewald**, 1529, and **Lucas Cranach the Elder**, 1553, artists
- 7 **Catherine Winkworth**, poet, 1878
- 9 **Herman of Alaska**, missionary to the Aleut, 1837
- 17 **Samuel Johnson**, 1772, **Timothy Cutler**, 1765, and **Thomas Bradbury Chandler**, 1790, priests
- 23 **Martin de Porres**, 1639, **Rosa de Lima**, 1617, and **Toribio de Mogrovejo**, 1606, witnesses to the faith in South America
- 28 **Moses the Black**, desert father and martyr, c. 400
- 29 **John Bunyan**, writer, 1688 (author of *The Pilgrim’s Progress*)
- 30 **Charles Chapman Grafton**, bishop of Fond du Lac and ecumenist, 1912

To participate in the survey, visit
www.psychdata.com/s.asp?SID=136205.

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